

CLASSIFICATION SECRETCOUNTRY East GermanyTOPIC Loadings of Units of the 34th Arty Div at the Potsdam-Wildpark,  
Satzkorn and Priort Railroad Stations

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15 to 20 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 15 to 20 Shts-NATI prime movers, 25 trucks, 3 repair shop trucks, 3 tank trucks, 3 jeeps and 250 to 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery insignia. The loading ended at 2130. No departure was observed.

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18 to 22 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 18 to 22 Z-65 prime movers, 12 trucks with trailers, approximately 25 trucks without trailers, 2 repair shop trucks, and 2 tank trucks. The loading was completed at about 2115. No departure was observed. After the loading of the four trains, the south section of the Delius Kaserne was lighted about 20 percent and the north section about 15 percent. Almost all components of the artillery units from the two sections of the installation had apparently left.

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3. On 22 March, the following observations were made at the Satz Korn railroad station:

At 1000, a train with the engine headed toward Wildpark carried 5 x 152-mm gun howitzers and 5 Z-65 prime movers with crews wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. At 2300 the same train was seen at the Wildpark railroad station.

At 1700, 12 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 12 Z-65 prime movers, 1 x 100-mm AT gun, 20 to 24 trucks and approximately 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered

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black epaulets with artillery insignia were loaded onto a train, which left toward Wildpark at about 0500 on 23 March.

4. At 1400 on 22 March. 24 to 26 trucks towing several field kitchens and 6 sedans [ ] were entrained at the Priort freight station. The latter sedan was occupied by artillery field-grade officers prior to the loading. The train left toward Wildpark at about 0500 on 23 March.

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7. At 2030 on 22 March. a shipment of 38 trucks, 5 repair shop trucks, 2 buses, 2 field kitchens, 1 boxcarload of ammunition and 11 boxcarloads of soldiers were entrained for Luckau at the Priort railroad station.

Comment. The bulk of the 34th Arty Div was entrained for the Baruth-Golssen-Luckau area. The present report indicates that at least 69 x 152-mm gun howitzers were involved. This figure represents a valuable indication of the organization of the division. [ ]

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